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SUBJ: DOWNGRADING OF MAO QUOTATIONS

REF: PEKING 802

1. JAPANESE POLITICAL COUNSELOR HAS PROVIDED USLO OFFICER WITH
THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF A RECENT CONVERSATION HE HAD HAD WITH
CHANG HSIANG-SHAN, DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING AFFAIRS.

2. POLCOUNS NOTED THAT MAO QUOTES IN THE PEOPLE'S DAILY
VERSION OF TENG HSIAO-PING'S SCIENCE SPEECH HAD NOT BEEN
PRINTED IN THE CUSTOMARY BOLD FACE AND ASKED CHANG IF THIS WOULD
CONTINUE. CHANG CONFIRMED THAT THIS WOULD BE STANDARD PRACTICE.
HE ADDED THAT THE CHAIRMAN'S SAYINGS WOULD BE NO
LONGER CARRIED IN THE PEOPLE'S DAILY ON THE RIGHT HAND
TOP CORNER OF PAGE ONE WHERE THE QUOTE OF THE DAY HAD
BEEN A FIXTURE FOR MANY YEARS BUT MORE AND MORE OF A
SELDOM THING IN RECENT MONTHS. CHANG SAID THAT IT WAS
MISLEADING TO QUOTE MAO OUT OF CONTEXT AND THAT
SUCH QUOTATIONS HAD BEEN UNFORTUNATELY EMPLOYED BY
FOLLOWERS OF THE GANG OF FOUR TO TRICK THE MASSES.
BOLDFACE MIGHT STILL BE USED FOR QUOTES FROM MARX
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AND LENIN BUT IT DID NOT SEEM RIGHT TO PUT THE
CHAIRMAN'S SAYINGS IN THE SAME CATEGORY, CHANG SAID.
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